

Call for Papers
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The **TRB Committee on Strategic Management (ABC10)** invites you to submit papers for the upcoming TRB Annual Meeting in 2005. Papers can be on of the following topics:

Topic 1: Asset Management and Decision Making

As the nations highway system ages, it will require more extensive and higher quality maintenance, forcing asset managers to make more complex decisions. Unfortunately, many managers find they do not have all of the information needed to make these more complex decisions, nor are they equipped to accurately predict the costs and outcomes associated with maintenance actions. As a result, decision-making is often ad hoc and does not follow a systematic and repeatable procedure. This call for papers explores what information asset managers need to make informed decisions and how asset management decision-making processes can be made more systematic.

Topic 2: Project Prioritization

Given a limited number of transportation dollars available to meet increasing demands for additions to and maintenance of the transportation infrastructure, state departments of transportations and transit agencies must prioritize projects. As dollars become scarcer, the likelihood increases that the process used to prioritize projects will become more politicized. This call for papers explores processes that take into account the many facets of project prioritization, including availability of funds to safety and congestion concerns to geographic and economic concerns, that develop a systematic approach to project prioritization and safeguard against excessive political intrusion.

Please indicate ABC10 on the Submission Review form to indicate that the paper is being submitted in response to this call for papers.

Papers for the 2005 Annual Meeting must be submitted electronically **no later than August 1, 2004**. **Papers cannot be accepted after August 1, 2004 because of the time required for peer review and program development.** Paper submission information is posted on the TRB website <http://www4.trb.org/trb/annual.nsf>.

In addition, **authors who have submitted papers** are requested to send the paper number and title to the TRB Committee on Strategic Management by **August 3, 2004** to Jay Styles at Jay.Styles@VirginiaDOT.org

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